

Catholic Fiction Part 1:

Is the Roman Catholic Church the whore of Babylon?



A response to World's Last Chance ministries based on both their videos and articles about the Pope being the antichrist, and Roman Catholicism the whore of Babylon.





A critique of those who interpret the book of Revelation to conclude that:

1. The Roman Catholic Church = whore of Babylon

2. The Pope = Antichrist

In the article “Next & Last Pope Will be a Devil Impersonating John Paul II” they write:

1. Which part of the Bible led you to reach this conclusion?

"And there came one of the seven angels... saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: 2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. 3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet-coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. 6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. 7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. 8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. 9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. 10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. 11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. 12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. 13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. 14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful. 15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. 16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. 17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. 18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth." *Revelation 17:1-18.*

2. Give a short explanation of all this.



Briefly, John is shown the final judgment of the **great whore** due to her own course of action. This great whore, referred to as **Babylon the great**, was shown to John in the **wilderness** (v. 3). This is an important setting, as will be seen later.

The description of the whore is parallel to the first **beast of Revelation 13** that also has **seven heads** and **ten horns** (v. 7) indicating that both symbols represent the same entity – that being the Roman Catholic papal system. Furthermore, the whore is described as sitting on **seven mountains** (v. 9). Rome has frequently been identified as the City of Seven Hills, from classical times down to contemporary time.

Whereas in *Revelation 13* the union of church and state was blended in one symbol, in *Revelation 17* God has pictured them separately. A **woman** always symbolizes a church in the Bible, in this case the whore – an impure church. And a **beast** has always signified a kingdom or state that persecutes God's people. So we have an impure woman sitting on (i.e. controlling) a scarlet-colored (a bloody) beast (state). This again reinforces the reality of the Catholic system being the only system that is a church and an earthly kingdom at the same time. This whore is described as being eminently rich, proud, and more importantly, very corrupt (v. 4, 5). Indeed, it represents Satan's final supreme instrument of deception.

The following verses are key verses: “**And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.**” *Revelation 17:10, 11*. God elaborates on the seven heads of the beast, which are identified as **seven kings**. Significantly, the vision was viewed during the reign of the sixth king. He was to be followed by the seventh king, who will rule for a short time. However, the eighth king is going to be one of the previous seven kings, but that when he appears from the bottomless pit (v. 8), he will not only merely be a king (ruling power) but a beast (a persecuting power); finally, he will then go into perdition.

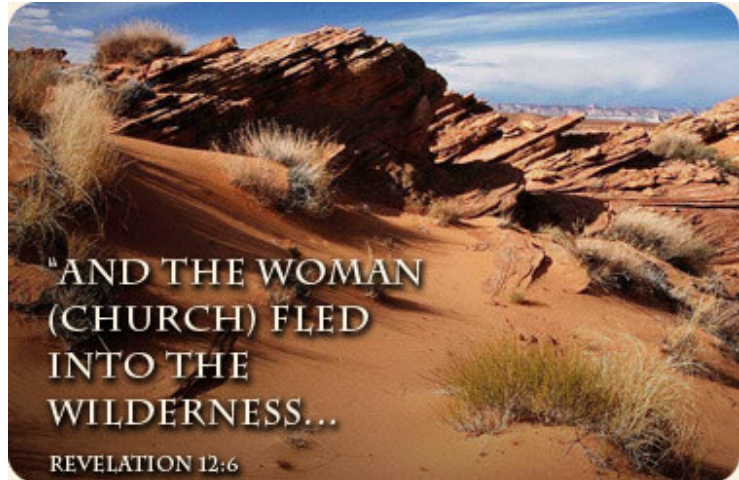
When one of the seven kings reappears from the bottomless pit as the eighth king but in the form of a beast, the **ten kings of the earth** (v. 12) (ten is an all-inclusive, universal number indicating that this includes all earthly rulers; cf. parable of ten virgins) will be greatly awed by the beast, and will willingly surrender their power to the beast for a short time (v. 12, 13). Both the beast and the ten kings will rule and war against Christ in the person of His followers for a short time, but will not overcome them (v. 14).

Just before the end of all things, the ten kings will discover that they have been ensnared and deceived by the beast (the eighth king from the bottomless pit) and they will turn with vengeance against the beast system, and destroy it (v. 16). For they will this time, though belatedly, be doing God's will (v. 17).

THE WILDERNESS SETTING

3. Great whore sitting on the beast was viewed in the wilderness (*Rev. 17:3*).

This is important as it is not by happenstance that the "great whore who sitteth upon the scarlet beast" was seen in the wilderness. In *Revelation 17*, God is indicating the time-period that the Roman Catholic Church is viewed in. To understand what will happen to the world when she comes out of her wilderness experience, we need to understand how the Roman Catholic Church entered this wilderness experience.



4. What does wilderness mean in Bible prophecy?

In the Book of *Revelation* we have another instance of a church that went into the wilderness. It was God's true church during the Middle Ages, when the church was subject to papal persecution: "And the woman (church) fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand and two hundred and threescore days." *Revelation 12:6*. We know that this church was pure, for it is God who led her to the wilderness, away from the papal persecution that raged for 1260 years from 538 A.D. until 1798 A.D. The dragon (Satan) was warring against the church during this period, using his earthly instrument, the Roman Catholic Church: "And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent." *Revelation 12:14*. The wilderness then, in Bible prophecy, is a figure of speech picturing the harsh conditions facing a church in a particular period in her history.

In the video "Prophecy of the century part 1" they write:

"ATTENTION! From this point on, take note,

as prophecy will unveil..."

"Take Note: Prophetic Terms

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-Whore = Evil Church

- Waters = People, Multitudes... [Revelation 17:15]"

It's now time to examine those verses in context, here we go...:

Before we continue, let's remember what Sacred Scripture says concerning prophecy:

“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” – 2 Peter 1:20-21 KJV

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QUESTION: Where in the Bible does it say the whore is a church?

Catholics are often accused of "adding" to the Bible. This is a perfect example of adding to the Bible.

“Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it” –Ephesians 5:24-25 KJV.

Here, they chose to convert “**wives**” plural to become “**wife**” singular, then less synonymously into “**woman**” in order to make a case for their position.

The Bible points it out clearly that “**the woman**” (whore of Babylon) “**is the great city**” not (great) evil church.

QUESTION: Do you believe what the Bible says or not?

Let's find out from the book of Revelation itself...

“And **the woman** which thou sawest **is that great city**, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.” – Revelation 17:18 KJV (emphasis added)

“Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, **that great city Babylon**, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.” - Revelation 18:10 KJV (emphasis added)

“And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall **that great city Babylon** be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.” - Revelation 18:21 KJV (emphasis added)

I guess their theological position is in BIG trouble over here you see? Let's continue...

“And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the **great city**, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, **where also our Lord was crucified**.” – Revelation 11:8 (emphasis added)

QUESTION: Where was our Lord crucified? Was He crucified in Rome or Jerusalem?

If Jerusalem, then is the “**great city**” the same Jerusalem in Revelation 11:8?

QUESTION: How is the nation of Israel often referred to in the Old Testament? As a harlot (whore). For example:

“Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice; And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods.” - Exodus 34:15-16 KJV

“And they transgressed against the God of their fathers, and went a whoring after the gods of the people of the land, whom God destroyed before them.” - 1 Chronicles 5:25 KJV

“And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations.” - Leviticus 17:7 KJV

“Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them. And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; but they did not so.” - Judges 2:16 KJV

“And Gideon made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, even in Ophrah: and all Israel went thither a whoring after it: which thing became a snare unto Gideon, and to his house.” - Judges 8:27 KJV

“For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee.” - Psalms 73:27 KJV

“And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives, because I am broken with their whorish heart, which hath departed from me, and with their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols: and they shall lothe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.” - Ezekiel 6:9 KJV

“My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.” - Hosea 4:12 KJV

“Rejoice not, O Israel, for joy, as other people: for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God, thou hast loved a reward upon every cornfloor.” - Hosea 9:1 KJV

Why? Because Israel often would forsake worship of the one true God, and would turn instead to the worship of false gods (idols).

Most often the relationship between God and Israel is described in marital terms.

The capital of Israel, Jerusalem can be said to have dominion over all the kings of the earth. In the Old Testament, Israel is referred to as the "first born" of the Lord. The first born has dominion over all the other sons and daughters (and nations of the Earth).

See for example:

“Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power.” - Genesis 49:3 KJV

“Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.” - Psalms 89:27 KJV

SEVEN KINGS

The 7 Kings & the Eighth is a Beast & the Last							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
							
Pius XI	Pius XII	John XXIII	Paul VI	John Paul I	John Paul II	Benedict XVI	A Devil from the bottomless pit impersonates John Paul II
1922-1939	1939-1958	1958-1963	1963-1978	1978	1978-2005	April 19, 2005	
Lateran Treaty 1929				Reigned only 33 days	Seriously Wounded 1981	Rules only a short time	
Five are fallen					One is	One yet to come	Goes into Predition

They write: So who are the seven kings/popes?

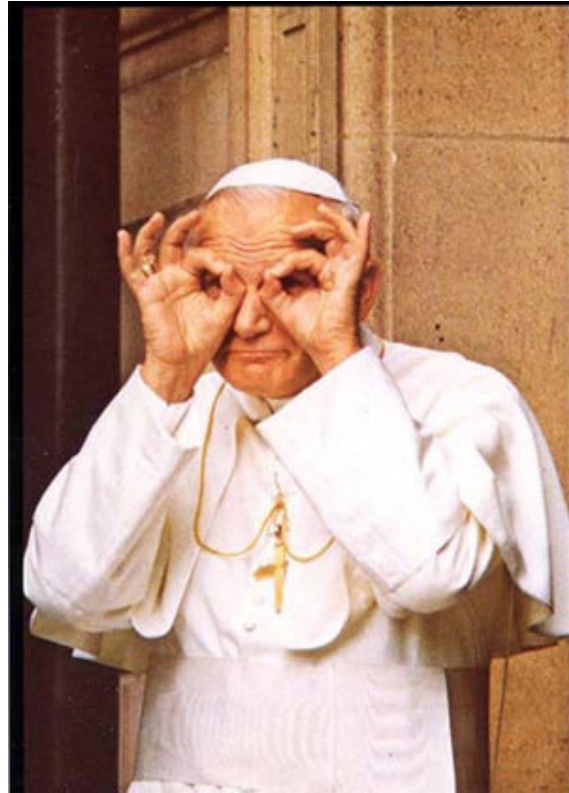
QUESTION: Where in the Bible is it stated that the seven kings are Popes (Church leaders)?

Is the Pope the Antichrist?

We all know that the word antichrist appears in the last book of the Bible called Revelation, right?

NO! That is not correct brethren. The word antichrist is nowhere found in Revelations. **Surprised?**

It appears only in the 1st and 2nd epistles of St. John, the same writer of the book of Revelation.



The word antichrist comes from the Greek word “**αντίχριστος**” antichristos.

Antichristos means:

1. An opponent of the Messiah (*according to Strong’s lexicon*)
2. The adversary of the Messiah (*according to Thayer’s lexicon*)

In short, the antichrist is any person, doctrine or thing that is opposed to Christ.

Let’s see what the Bible really says...

“Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that **antichrist** shall come, **even now are there many antichrists**; whereby we know that it is the last time.” – 1 John 2 :18 KJV (emphasis added)

“Who is a liar but **he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.**” – 1 John 2:22 KJV (emphasis added)

QUESTION: When did any Pope denied that Jesus is the Christ?

“And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.” – 1 John 4:3 KJV

(emphasis added)

QUESTION: Aren't the Popes those who propagate the virginal birth of Christ and the continuous virginity of Mary?

“For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.” – 2 John 1:7

KJV (emphasis added)





“Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? But when the **Pharisees** heard it, they **said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.**” – Matthew 12:22-24 KJV
(emphasis added)

If Christ was called Beelzebub then what should His Church expects to be called? The Great whore of Babylon, right?

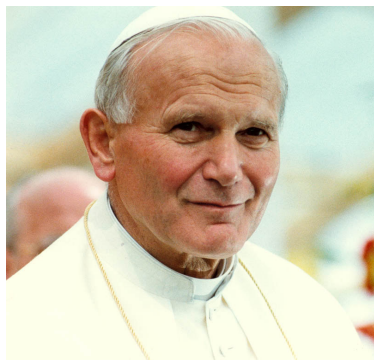
Did Christ prophesied concerning this? Let's see.

“The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. **If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?**” – Matthew 10:24-25 KJV (emphasis added)

Please watch out for the concluding part in Catholic Fiction part 2.

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